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Elk Point salutes the energy sector's vital role in economy



CNRL: here for the duration

"CNRL is going to be here a long time," Eastern Field Operations manager Scott Staath told the Salute to the Energy Sector audience at Monday night's event. "We're recompleting a very large lot of shut in wells, including 1,200 plus within a few miles' radius of Elk Point."

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Elk Point and the Elk Point Economic Development Committee are all well aware of the vital role that the oil and gas industry plays in Elk Point. Last Monday evening, as the three groups combined efforts in a gala salute, MC Bob Bezpalko said the energy sector "has played and is playing a major role in our economy."

Guests from energy companies, oil patch service companies and the farming community gathered in the A. G. Ross Arena, which was tastefully decorated by F. G. Miller High School students for the occasion. Soft dinner music came from a three-piece combo featuring a French horn as a lineup formed at a hot and cold buffet loaded with barbecued pork and lamb, roast elk, bison and turkey, salads and all the trimmings, all contributed by local businesses, topped off with a huge cake.

Everyone then sat back to hear messages from industry and government.

Mayor Parrish Tung said that in its 99 years of settlement, "Elk Point has seen a lot of changes, from a heavy reliance on agriculture to a resource economy. It's an undisputed fact that resources will be the engine of our growth."

Tung said the energy sector is "our biggest employer. It is imperative that we recognize that fact and work closely with the industry, with mutual benefits to come through cooperation."

Tung thanked the Economic Development Committee and the Chamber for spearheading plans for the salute, which he felt was "a good opportunity to formally acknowledge the contribution of the energy sector."

Bezpalko agreed that the employment opportunities the sector provides are of prime importance, and told industry leaders, "your investment has allowed our young people the opportunity to work here, or to further their education and then come back and start businesses." (Continued on Page 2)



Loree Aarbo still had a welcoming smile after spearheading two large celebrations in three days, as the Employee-Staff Recognition Night wound down.

Customer service is all-important, DeSilva tells employees' celebration

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

"We wanted to send the message that it's important to educate, celebrate and motivate our staff," Elk Point Chamber of Commerce Shop Local Committee chairman Dwayne Odgaard told about 50 business owners, managers and employees Wednesday night at the Employee and Staff Appreciation Night.

The event was hosted by the Shop Local Committee and featured a dinner and guest speaker Walter DeSilva.

"We're here to take a bow to you, the people who do the work," DeSilva said. It's about you, the staff, the employees, who are important not only to the business but to the community."

DeSilva emphasized "the importance of you. You're the first line contact for the community. Do you know how much effect you have on the success of the business you work for?"

"Do you recognize the people who come in your business as clients? Yours may be the first business they visit in the community. Do you recognize how important they are? YOU could be greeting or turning off a potential business contact, someone

who might tell someone else what good service they got in your place of business."

Appearance is also important, DeSilva said.

"What do you look like when you go to work? Are you dressed to fit the business? How many times do we go in a business and find people inappropriately dressed? Do you think about what kind of impression what you wear is making on the people who come in your business?"

"Who do you represent? The company," DeSilva said those who wear uniforms "are proud to show where they work."

He reminded the employees that "the person you're providing service to are also paying your wage. If the business goes down, the boss doesn't lay himself off."

He asked, "Do you like going to work in the morning? The people being served by you will get good service or poor service. Which do you want them to talk about, that the clerk they met was grumpy or friendly?"

In some businesses, good service has monetary rewards, DeSilva said.

"How many of you don't like a 15

per cent tip? I always leave something, but if service is not up to par, the tip is not 15 per cent. Do you look at you tip as an indication of how you perform?"

In retail businesses, instead of tips, the indicator of service quality is "if they come back again," DeSilva said. "How friendly are you?"

DeSilva said part of the responsibility lies with the employer. "Does your employer provide adequate training, and talk to you about the importance of how you serve or provide service, and about product knowledge, making sure you know and understand what's expected of you at the end of the day?"

DeSilva decried clerks "working in a store and gabbing with their co-worker" instead of paying attention to incoming customers. "You need to give recognition that that customer is there," a fault he said doesn't stop with employees. "It amazes me when even an employer ignores customers standing at the counter."

The responsibility of an employee includes being committed to the job, doing his or her best, being reliable and "liking what you're doing," he said. (Continued on Page 12)

Elk Point salutes the energy sector

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You only have to drive through our industrial park to see the impact you have had. You've put Elk Point front and centre, and our future looks bright."

Bezpalco relayed greetings from Steve Hughes, the Lloydminster superintendent of Bonavista Petroleum, and welcomed another Bonavista representative, Mike Breen, to the event, along with Alberta Energy and Utilities Board representatives.

Don Hennesy and Ray Stone. Greetings also came from Husky oil, which Bezpalco said is "a driving force behind a lot of development."

As he welcomed Scott Stauth, manager of Eastern Field Operations for Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Bezpalco noted that CNRL is known worldwide for being sensitive to the environment and for supporting the communities where they operate.

Stauth attended the salute with a good turnout of his senior staff, and thanked them for being part of the evening before going on to present an overview of CNRL and the company's

plans for 2006.

CNRL is one of North America's largest natural gas producers with extensive land holdings throughout western Canada and one of Canada's largest producers of crude oil, with other operations in the North Sea and off the coast of West Africa. With \$35 billion in corporate assets, they have a mineral land base of 11 million net acres. They are the eighth largest company on the Toronto Stock Exchange and have the TSE's best rate of return, Stauth said.

The company is known for their environmental responsibility, and since 1988 has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent and gas venting by 45 percent, Stauth said. In 2005, CNRL spent \$46 million on environmental improvements, he added.

CNRL gives back to the areas where they operate, and made \$3.6 million in corporate donations in Canada alone last year, as well as substantial amounts in the United Kingdom and West Africa.

Stauth says the corporation encourages its employees to contribute as well, and set up an initiative to match their contributions in

support of charitable organizations. Locally, this support has gone to Haying in the Thirties, St. Paul KidSport, Bonnyville Boys and Girls Club, the Vermilion Kids Help Line and the Mary Savage Crisis Centre.

Last year, CNRL paid \$1.4 billion in royalties and a half million in taxes, and spent \$7.1 billion on operations and capital purchases, adding up to a total of \$24.5 million a day. He joked that the \$9 billion total "would support provincial government spending for 116 days."

Stauth outlined the Horizon Project, north of Fort McMurray, which got underway in 2005 and which is expected to go on line in 2008 with a production of 110,000 barrels per day by the second half of that year. Phase two will

increase production by another 45,000 barrels by 2010 and the third phase will bring total production to 232,000 in 2012.

The project is currently slightly ahead of schedule at this time, Stauth said. Four "very heavy, massive and hard to put together" coker drums have been put in place and a 48-cubic-metre hydraulic shovel has been commissioned.

CNRL's upgrader was announced in the fourth quarter of last year, and studies were undertaken in the first quarter of this year. "We should have recommendations by late 2006 or early 2007," Stauth said, adding that the company is "taking the same disciplined approach as on the Horizon project." The upgrader's first phase, slated for startup in 2012, will have a capacity of 125,000 barrels.

More locally, Stauth noted that CNRL has "significant land holdings in this area. We're a very significant heavy oil player, and also a significant natural gas producer. These are a big part of our business." He said 130 million cubic feet of gas per day travels the pipeline between Maclin, SK and Fort McMurray, while daily oil production includes 95,000 barrels of primary production and 63,000 barrels of thermal production.

CNRL has 550 full-time and contract employees in the area, not including the support staff, who "number in the thousands."

An extensive winter program saw 50,000 people working for CNRL in the first quarter of 2005, while another 150,000 to 200,000 were indirectly involved, Stauth said.

"We're one of the larger players in the province."

"We really do appreciate this salute," Stauth said. "We're not used to that. It's nice to see. Hats off to Elk Point - it's a small community with big time thinking."

Stauth assured everyone that CNRL is "going to be here a long time. We're recompleting a very large lot of shut in wells, including 1,200-plus wells within a few mile radius of Elk Point. It will be a significant addition when we look at the potential of the recompletions."

Also speaking at the event were Alberta Conservative leadership candidate Dr. Ted Morton, MLA for Foothills - Rocky View and MLA Ray Danyluk.

"I'm a friend of the oil industry," Dr. Morton said, "My father and my uncle got into the oil industry in Wyoming, and I grew up in Casper, where the smell of sulphur was a good thing. I had summer jobs in the oil patch and building tanks."

Alberta is "in a unique place," Dr. Morton said. "It's on the threshold of an amazing future, with natural and human resources. The opportunities are there right now, but must be channeled

in the right direction."

As a candidate for the PC leadership, Dr. Morton said, "if you like me, I'd be happy to get you involved."

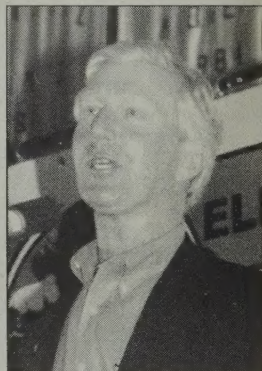
"We need to salute the oil industry and its contribution to the community," Danyluk said.

"We can talk about taxes and support given to communities, but one of the most important contributions is your people. They're coaches and councillors and child care givers and they really do help the community."

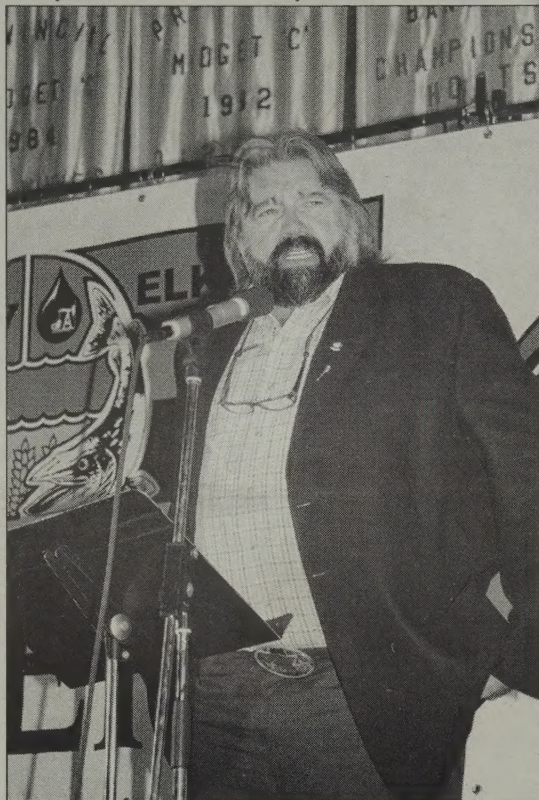
"Saluting the oil industry is very important," he continued. It has given us the ability to have the best health care and education and to look at the future in a different way. The rest of Canada is envious."

Bespalko wound up the program by recognizing the effort and contribution of those involved in the Salute to the Energy Sector, including Outback 646 Ranch House, Jonny's Electrical, the Empress Restaurant, Cal's Home Hardware, Shamrock Valley Enterprises, Sandy Smith, Elk Point Packers, S & R Rentals, Rob Walker, Steve Srdic, Myron Goyan and the Town staff, Laverne Wilson and the F. G. Miller students, and Economic Development Officer Thomas Kondla.

"With all the oil and gas companies involved in the area, I feel confident our future will be great," Bezpalco said. "The Economic Development Committee needs more people with great ideas."



Dr. Ted Morton, MLA was a special guest.



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Choirs combine for wall-to-wall music

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

One choir is wonderful, but two choirs make it wall-to-wall music.

Elk Point Community Choir's annual Spring Concert combined the talents of the local group with those of St. Paul's Les Musicos in a 21-course musical feast last Thursday evening at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre.

The Community Choir came in singing, with conductor Udo Mueller leading the way with his arrangement of "Pitter Patter."

Don Conrad welcomed the audience, and joked that the choir had conferred with the Edmonton Oilers to set the concert date so no one would miss a playoff game.

This concert was different than the usual format, Conrad said, with the guest choir and all 21 songs on the program to be performed by one or both of the choirs, rather than the usual mix of large and small group numbers. He introduced Les Musicos conductor Laurier Levasseur and accompanist Lorraine Cabaj, as well as the Elk Point choir's duet of new page-turners, Ashley and Kristin Buryn.

Conrad acknowledged the Elk Point seniors for their cooperation in making their facility available for the choir's weekly practices as well as the Christmas and spring concerts.

The 47-member Elk Point Community Choir's first set started off with their carefree "Pass Me By." Barb Buryn took over the piano from Deanna Easthope to accompany the 1950s rock-and-roll classic, "Rock Around the Clock," with Jordan Sieben on drums and conductor Udo Mueller teaming up with choir member Kloe Coleman for a few impromptu jive steps.

"Since First I Saw Your Face," "The Bending Oak," Seasons Change" and "Make Them Hear You" completed the set.

Les Musicos, a 32-member group that includes longtime Elk Point choir member Don Buryn, started off their set with "Let There Be Music" and "Angels Watching Over Me."

Buryn accompanied their third number, a German version of "Wooden Heart," on accordion, and after the choir's charming French "Chante," tried his hand at conducting as they performed an a capella "Irish Blessing." Soloist Rolland Rocque was featured in the group's final number, "You Raise Me Up."

The male portion of the Elk Point choir was first to return, with Mueller joining the ranks in "We Are the Men." Mueller relinquished his post at the podium to his daughter Kelsey, a former choir member who has now learned the skill of conducting, as she led the entire choir in W. A. Mozart's "Alleluia."

Mueller returned to his duties as Linda Peters joined Easthope at the piano for a four-handed accompaniment to the lively "Rhythm of Life."

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The best of two communities combined in an 80-voice outpouring of wall-to-wall music in the final set of the Elk Point Community Choir's Spring Concert last Thursday.



Proud percussionists (left to right) Kloe Coleman, Shelby Mueller, Jordan Sieben and Ashley Buryn accompanied Elk Point Community Choir in "Sow It On the Mountain" at Thursday's Spring Concert.

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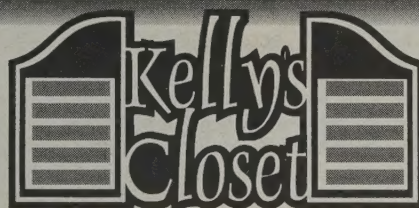
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Way beyond the call

When you're a community volunteer, you just never know what you're going to find yourself doing next, or how the scope of a volunteer job can escalate before you know it.

Last week, a number of the members of the same volunteer group who did such a fine job of organizing and carrying out Elk Point's Salute to the Energy Sector, complete with a fabulous meal, found themselves doing much the same jobs for a somewhat smaller group at the Chamber's employee and staff appreciation night.

These two events add up to a massive total of volunteer hours spent setting up tables, decorating, calculating how much food and supplies were needed, ordering everything, hauling it into the venues, setting it all out and later hauling away the leftovers, folding tables and cleaning up.

Would these folks have said, "Of course we can do it!" if they had known just what they were getting into? They know doubt would, because as the movers and shakers of this community, they just can't seem to quit moving and shaking.

The rest of us looked on with admiration. Some were unable to get away from work or other commitments and pitch in on the job, and we feel badly about being unable to help out to a larger extent. Others may just have shaken their heads and wondered why on earth people would work that hard on a volunteer basis, but neither group would deny that the job was beautifully done, with or without us.

Thanks, volunteers. You did us proud.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Graduations and great ideas

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23 IN...

1986

An old-fashioned May blizzard closed schools, halted spring fieldwork and returned roads to midwinter conditions. Town Council made plans to replace 160 meters of sidewalk, install curbs and gutters on one block of 51 Street and construct a service road and extension of 57 Avenue in the Industrial Subdivision.

1991

Time lifted a hand to wave goodbye to valedictorian Kim Bugera and her 43 classmates as they celebrated their graduation from F. G. Miller High School, with guest speakers including Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski and former principal and FGM alumnus Bob Tredger. Mayor Bruce Kleeberger threw the switch to set the Town of Elk Point's new water pumping pipeline in operation, which would fill the town's reservoir from the North Saskatchewan River and put an end to years of water supply woes.

1996

Both residential and non-residential mill rates were down, as the Town of Elk Point approved their budget for the year. "Cherish yesterday, live today, dream tomorrow" was the theme for F. G. Miller's Class of 1996, as they celebrated the conclusion of "a truly memorable year in which the positive aspects have prevailed," according to class presidents Shanna Baker and Justin Conrad.

2001

Mayor Ed Buck asked brand-new MLA Ray Danyluk for assistance on upgrading roads in Elk Point's industrial area which were deteriorating under "an astronomical amount of truck traffic." An outdoor skating rink, a wading pool near the golf course, replacing and adding more playground equipment and re-establishment of a summer fun program for children were suggested to Town Council by a delegation of parents seeking recreational outlets for their children.



Let's hear it for the Oilers!

Wednesday was Oilers Day at F. G. Miller Junior/Senior High School, and a number of staff and students donned their best Oilers gear in support of the only Canadian team left in the NHL playoffs. It must have helped, because the Oil is now knee-deep in the Western Conference playoff series against the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

GUEST COLUMN

Thanks, oil patch workers

Yesterday was Monday, May 22 and it is known to us as "Victoria Day." Basically what that means is that it is the day we celebrate the Queen's birthday. In fact, it was only one year ago today that Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip came to Alberta to celebrate the centennial. Do you all remember that day? There was lots of rain in Edmonton. But, regardless, it was so nice to see the Queen.

Besides celebrating a special day for the Queen, May is a special month for other reasons. It was in May of 1914 that Dingman Well No. 1 in Turner Valley struck oil. It triggered an unprecedented frenzy of stock activity in nearby Calgary. Virtually overnight, every available downtown space was snapped up by brokers, agents and curb traders, most of who couldn't keep up with the throngs of anxious buyers. While some investors were certainly being cheated, they weren't overly concerned about it. Shares in Calgary Petroleum Products jumped from \$12.50 to \$200.00 in three days, with more than \$500,000 changing hands every 24 hours.

It takes people with vision to make things happen in the petroleum industry. When others say, "It can't be done," the entrepreneurs who embody the "can-do" spirit of the oil-patch say, "Let's try it."

Jack Gallagher, geologist and industrialist (1916-1998) was typical of this entrepreneurial breed. He spent a lifetime convincing people with money to finance his quest for oil in parts of the world where oil had never been found. During the 1940s he ventured into South American jungles and North African deserts, hunting oil for Shell and Standard Oil of New Jersey. During the 1950s, he looked northward toward the Canadian Arctic and saw "one, maybe two Middle Easts" in the Beaufort sea. Nobody else

could see so much as a thimbleful of oil there, but Gallagher had a vision. The northern wilderness left a lasting impression on him.

"The great thrill was that you were opening up country white men hadn't seen before," he said.

In 1950 Gallagher left Standard to accept an intriguing offer from the American owners of Ontario-based Dome Mines. The owners wanted him to help them diversify into oil and tap into some of the wealth being generated following the big oil discoveries in Leduc and Redwater. The decision for Gallagher was easy. He had fallen in love with Calgary after just one visit. At age 33, he became the first employee of an unknown Calgary company called Dome

Exploration. Because his mining bosses knew nothing about oil, Gallagher was able to make all his own calls. He made them well, starting with promising discoveries of oil at Drumheller and gas at Provost. But his real interest lay in the areas north of the Mackenzie River delta. Over the next 25 years, Dome spent hundreds of millions of dollars drilling in the Beaufort Sea. Investors believed in Dome because they saw their shares multiply 315-fold over a 27-year period.

Author Jim Lyon reported in "Dome: The Rise and Fall of the House that Jack Built," that a block of 100 Dome shares purchased for \$380 was worth \$120,000 by 1981. Then in 1982, the house that Jack built collapsed under the weight of a crushing \$7.03-billion debt, caused by the ill-fated takeover of Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas. The story goes on.

Was the discovery of oil in the Beaufort an impossible dream? Not according to the Gulf Canada exploration people, who in 1985 turned Gallagher's northern dream into reality with a sizable oil find. The discovery was not quite large enough to warrant the expense of developing it, but Gallagher was gratified when a Gulf vice-president phoned him and said, "We know if it hadn't been for you we wouldn't be here." So there you go.

This is only one story, but it is time during the month of May to say a big thank you to all our oilpatch workers in our area for all you do in the oilfield.



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from the FCSS desk

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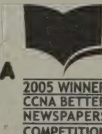


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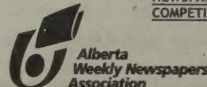
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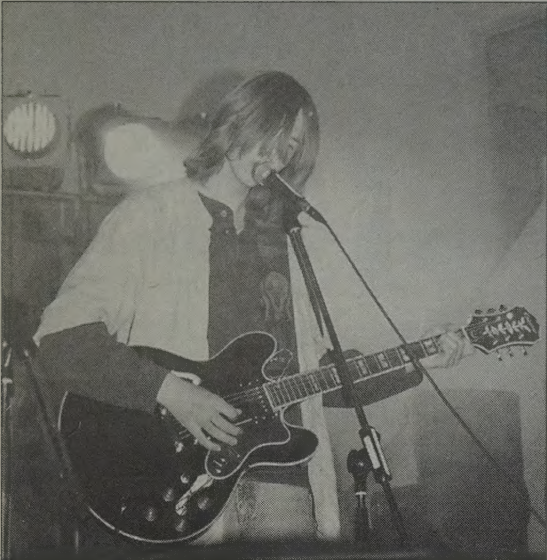


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Here be Dragons!



Singer and songwriter Alex Buck performs an original number, with brother Oliver (not shown) on drums.

BY VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

No need to look on the ancient maps that declared of unknown territories, "here be dragons." Our dragons were right here at F. G. Miller on Tuesday, rocking loud and proud at the annual Sound Dragons concert.

Current and former students, two teachers and a special guest performed close to an hour and a half of crowd-pleasing numbers.

Cale Walker and teacher Colin Bjorkman combined to open the show with a guitar duet, "Halo Theme."

Mr. B then joined Adrian MacKinnon on vocals for "Cemetery Gates."

A new trio was next to hit the stage, with Randy Merkel on drums, Ryan Mudryk with vocals and guitar and Yonas Rohner on bass performing "You and Me."

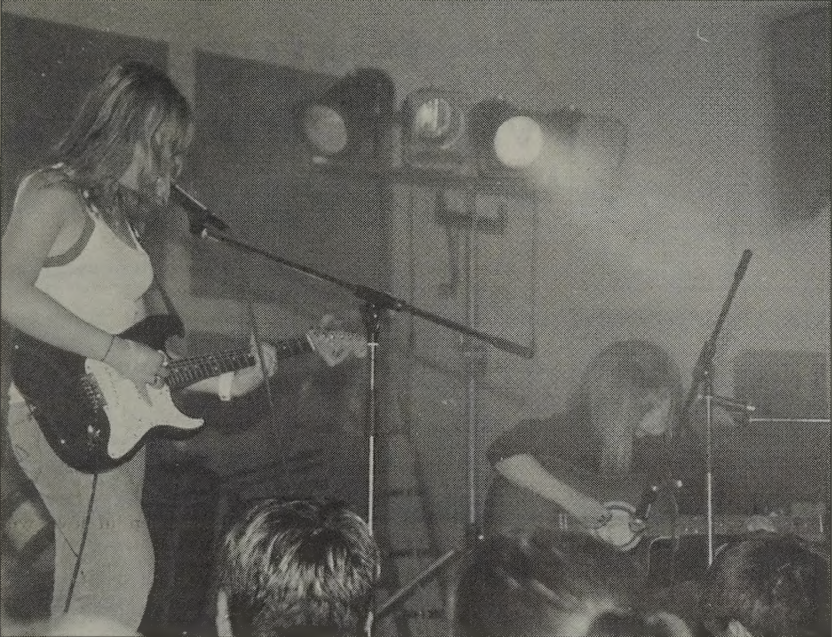
Sage Lowry and Karly Shankowski joined in a vocal and acoustic guitar version of country classic "Me and Bobby McGee." Lowry then joined Emily and Eric Mosley, on guitar and bass respectively, for "Come Down."

The Mosleys teamed up with teacher Kelly Burke and his acoustic guitar, the three adding vocal with a drum backup by Warren Jurak in two numbers, "99 Red Balloons" and "She Sells Sanctuary."

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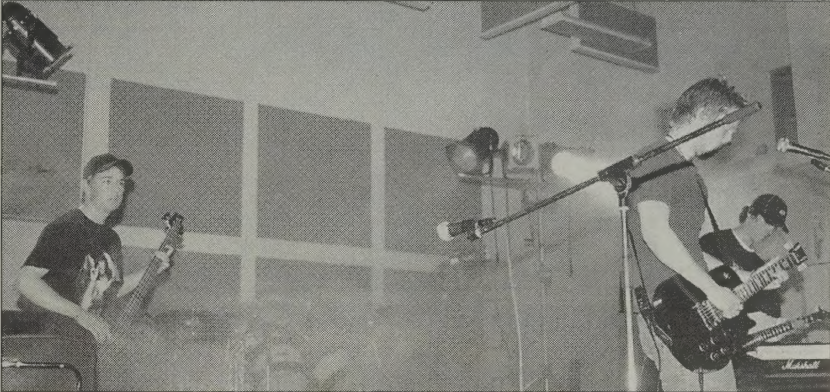
Sound Dragons coordinator, teacher Colin Bjorkman (right), accompanies vocalist Adrian MacKinnon in "Cemetery Gates."



Sage Lowry (left) and Kelsey Slywka sing "Lips of an Angel" for an enthused crowd of their fellow students.



FGM teacher Kelly Burke is backed up by Eric and Emily Mosley on vocals and guitars and Warren Jurak (not shown) on drums in "99 Red Balloons."



Drummer and vocalist Josh Boyko is hidden in a burst from the smoke machine as he and fellow Mockteerah members Nicky Myshaniuk, Pat Laporte and Colin Ference bring the show to a rocking conclusion.

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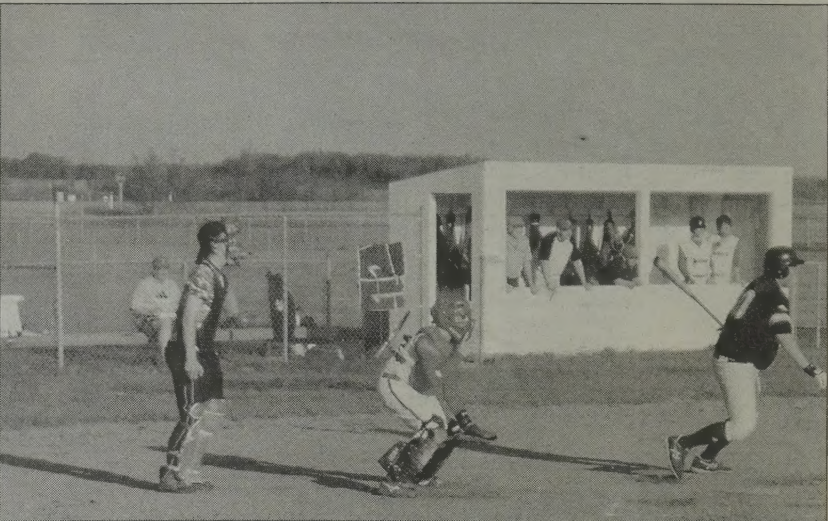
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Dated this 15th day of May A.D., 2006

Myron J. Goyan, Development Officer



Sox home opener



Doug Bassett photos
Last Thursday night, the Sox lost a close one to Lloydminster Twins in their season home opener. The game was called after six innings due to darkness, but the Sox were mounting a big comeback. At left, Brad Swedgan drives in a run as he pounds out a big hit for the Sox in the bottom of the sixth. Above, "Tater" Jensen takes off for first after making contact.



Legislature visits, bursaries and bullying

The Alberta Legislature offers public tours of its building to all visitors; educational tours for students as well as outreach programs which include Seniors View, English as a Second Language, Public Service Orientation Tours and School-at-the-Legislature. Gallery seats are also available, while the Assembly is sitting, on a first come first served basis if you'd like to take the opportunity to observe the daily sessions or the evening sessions (arrangements can be made through my office).



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MLA Report

Although session is now over for the summer months, those wishing to visit the Alberta Legislature can still do so, with the aid of a computer. Whether you wish to familiarize yourself with the building and its history prior to visiting in person, or use it as an instructional tool for your classroom, the new Virtual Interactive Tour of the Alberta Legislature is now available to those who have access to a computer.

Take the opportunity to explore and learn about this unique building with a virtual visit. It's an interactive online tour experience that allows you to look and move around as if you were actually there. You can either explore on your own or join a guided English or French tour. Check it out; it's definitely worth your time.

Good news for our first and second year rural students pursuing post-secondary education! Honourable Denis Herard, Minister of Advanced Education has announced a new bursary, the Millennium Alberta Rural Incentive Bursary, a \$1,000 bursary for approximately 8,100 rural Albertans designed to make post-secondary education more affordable and more accessible. It is the government's hope to increase the number of Albertans from rural communities who pursue post-secondary education. Statistics show that only 46 per cent of rural Albertans complete post-secondary education compared with 61 per cent of their counterparts in urban areas. The A Learning Alberta review identified key themes and this bursary will provide financial assistance and create more learning opportunities for rural students to address one of these themes.

The Alberta Government has also launched a new website and 24-hour helpline to make it easier for youth across Alberta to stand up and stop bullying. This strategy is a direct result of commitments made during the Alberta Roundtable on Family Violence and bullying held in May 2004.

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Mayor Parrish Tung
and Elk Point Town Council



Kristi Patton photo

Up and over he goes

F.G. Miller Crusader Ryan MacDonald leaps over the high jump bar during the SPAA track meet held in St. Paul last Wednesday. MacDonald placed third in the intermediate boys high jump reaching 1.57 metres.

Local residents 'ecstatic' about changes to gun registry

By JANICE POITRAS
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday the federal Conservative government announced its plans to eliminate the current firearms registry and local residents have not been afraid to show their appreciation for the government's move.

"I can't wait for it to go down," said local business owner John Cook, of Topline Tackle and Sports, of the gun registry. Customers are "absolutely" reacting positively to the news, he added.

Eliminating the registry has been "one of our founding policies," said Westlock-St. Paul MP Brian Storseth from his office in Ottawa, Thursday. Since its conception the Conservative government has been working against the registry, he added.

In a news release from Storseth's office in Ottawa, Storseth explained that the Conservatives "will be tabling legislation to repeal the Firearms Act ... and in the meantime the action we are taking will remove the burden of the registry from our law abiding gun owners."

Constituents "are ecstatic," said Storseth. "They're absolutely happy with the fact that once again we promised something and kept our promise."

But, some confusion surrounds the registry and Cook has received many calls from customers asking him to interpret what changes are currently taking place.

Non-restricted gun owners will still have to hold a Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC), said Cook, and customers must also have a Possession and Acquisition license (PAL) to

purchase guns.

If the legislation is passed, long-gun owners will have to license their guns but "they won't have to go through the registration process," said Cook.

If changes are made, laws will also still require the safe storage of firearms, safety training, a handgun registry, a ban on prohibited firearms, and licensing of long-guns, which includes a police background check, said a second press release from the federal government.

On Wednesday, the federal government announced a "one-year amnesty to protect previously-licensed owners of non-restricted firearms from prosecution and to encourage them to comply with the law as it currently stands."

The amnesty is really important, said Storseth.

The only thing that has really changed is the amnesty, said Cook. And, "the RCMP won't be imposing any kind of fines." Currently, you still have to register your new firearm, he added.

"License renewal fee waivers and refunds" were also announced by the government in the release and customers have already been asking Cook when they will be receiving the refunds.

According to a press release from Ottawa, it will take at least "a few months" to begin issuing refunds.

Cook believes it will be possible to completely abolish the long-gun registry. But, "Mr. Harper will have to persuade more of the opposition to get on his

side," said Cook.

The proposed changes to eliminate the long-gun registry will affect all long-guns, firearms mostly used for hunting or by farmers. Storseth explained that the only two categories of guns being distinguished are long-guns and restricted guns.

The Conservative government also announced that "effective immediately"

responsibility for the Firearms Act and operations of the Canada Firearms Centre will be transferred to the RCMP. Also, along with the amnesty and refunds, physical verification of non-restricted firearms will be eliminated, and telephone verification will be used instead.

Since its conception ten years ago, the cost of the gun registry has increased

dramatically. In 1995, the previous government announced the long-gun registry program would have a net cost of \$2 million, according to a fact sheet from Ottawa. In 2000, the government announced that the actual cost had risen to \$327 million, and by 2005, the cost had reached \$946 million. Today, the cost of the program has exceeded \$1 billion.



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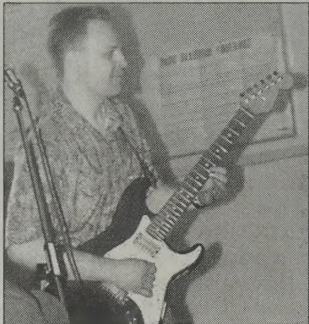
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Emily and Eric Mosley join Sage Lowry as she sings "Come Down" at the Sound Dragons concert last Tuesday at F. G. Miller High School.



Guest artist Clint McKendrik's version of "Far Beyond the Sun" is "probably the most amazing guitar you'll hear in your life," Bjorkman told the audience.

Dragons

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Lowry was back on stage, this time teamed up with Kelsey Slywka for a guitar and vocal duet, "Lips of an Angel," and came back later in the program to perform another duet with Lisa Braga.
Alex Buck's guitar and vocal original song was backed up by brother



Alumni Nicky Myshaniuk and Josh Boyko join Colin Bjorkman and (not shown) Cale Walker in a "Symphony of Destruction."

Oliver on drums, Oliver adding an awesome drum solo to their second number, "White Strips."
Guest guitarist Clint McKendrik lived up to Mr. B's introduction as "the most amazing guitar player I've ever met" as he performed three outstanding numbers.
Mr. B and Walker were back with

alumni Colin Ference on vocals, Nicky Myshaniuk on bass and Josh Boyko on drums to belt out "Symphony of Destruction." The alumni were then joined by Pat Laporte on vocals and guitar for the feature performance by their popular band, Mockteerah, which kept the gym rocking right up to the day's final bell.

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County Library Board comes to visit

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Gardening books to check out

By DAPHNE SCHNURER
Librarian

Most of you are out in your gardens these days, and here are some informative titles to get you going, and give you great new ideas.

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Wall-to-wall music

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Barb Buryn returned to the piano and Sieben to the drums as Mueller called for some finger-snapping from the crowd in another 1950s number, "Rockin' Robin," and traded piano for microphone to add a solo in "A Branch of May."

Ashley Buryn, Kloe Coleman, Shelby Mueller and Jordan Sieben provided a percussion accompaniment for the set's finale, "Sow it on the Mountain."

"It's always special to have the opportunity to perform with others who share a passion for music," Mueller said. "Today we have the privilege to have Les Musicos, who are an institution in St. Paul for many years." He noted that the two choirs have at times "shared some members," who have performed with both, so strong was their love of music.

Les Musicos came forward to join the Community Choir, overflowing the risers with a total of 80 singers, for the final two numbers of the concert, with Mueller conducting, Easthope accompanying and Kerry Anderson adding a solo to "Why We Sing," while Levasseur conducted and Cabaj accompanied "Say it With a Song."



Laurier Levasseur conducts Les Musicos in "Let There Be Music" as Lorraine Cabaj accompanies on piano. Barb Buryn assisted as page turner.

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1005. Help Wanted

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1500. Help Wanted - Prov.

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WEBCO LEDUC, a commercial printing plant and newspaper, Leduc, Alberta requires full-time compositor. Minimum 1 year design experience required. Knowledge in QuarkXpress, PhotoShop, Illustrator a must. Email resume: kellyw@webcoleduc.com.

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3010. Auctions

LITTLE LAKE Museum Antique Farm Machinery Auction, Sat., June 3, 2006 at 10 a.m. Very rare horse drawn equipment. Wagons and buggies, stationary engines. Timberland Auctions. Phone/fax 780-542-7323; www.timberlandauctions.com for list and pictures.

1005. Help Wanted

St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1

A CREE LANGUAGE / CULTURE INSTRUCTOR / NATIVE LIAISON WORKER

REQUIRED FOR
F.G. MILLER JR. / SR. HIGH SCHOOL & ELK POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A 1.0 FTE Cree Language / Culture Instructor / Native Liaison Worker is required commencing the 2006-2007 academic year. Qualifications should include training and/or experience working with First Nation students as well as a sound knowledge of the Cree Language and Aboriginal Culture. A willingness to be an advocate for Aboriginal culture and to play a leading role in cultural program development would be an asset.

For more information please contact Mr. Laverne Wilson, Principal, F.G. Miller Jr./Sr. High School.

Forward resume by Friday, June 2, 2006 to:

Mr. Laverne Wilson, Principal
F.G. Miller Jr./Sr. High School
Box 660, Elk Point, AB, T0A 1A0
Phone: 780-724-3966; Fax 780-724-3039
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Bursary for rural post-secondary students

By KRISTI PATTON
Staff Writer

A new three-year joint program between the Government of Alberta and the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation has been announced to help rural Alberta students who are traditionally under-represented in post-secondary education.

Beginning this fall 8,100 post-secondary students from rural Albert will be eligible to receive \$1,000 each in Millennium Alberta Rural Incentive Bursaries. First and second year post-secondary students who live outside Edmonton, Calgary, St. Albert, and Sherwood Park who qualify for Alberta student aid can be considered for the bursary," said Andrew Parkin, Millennium Foundation director of research and program development. "There are a variety of things that effect people differently. For some it will be distance to the institution or the extra costs of travel and living away from home."

Parkin said there are a number of different barriers which keep rural students from attending post-secondary. Using statistics from the Census and working with the government brought the focus to give an incentive bursary to increase attendance and help rural people get schooling.

"Some of the people may have families with less of a background to have gone to university or college and with maybe not much family pressure to go, or it can be a question of a family income."

The bursary was announced May 17 and will be available to students for the upcoming fall semester.

"Rural Albertans face unique challenges as they embark on their studies at college, university or technical school," said the Foundation's executive director and chief executive officer Norman Riddell in a press release.

"By providing cash grants to assist rural students in overcoming these challenges, this program encourages their participation in post-secondary education, which will help them acquire the knowledge and skills demanded by a rapidly changing economy and society."

The study will be financed by a \$19.8 million grant from the Foundation and up to \$4.5 million from the province. Recipients of the bursary may be asked to participate in follow-up studies designed to improve an understanding of the challenges facing students from family backgrounds traditionally under-represented in post-secondary education and the effectiveness of different forms of student financial assistance.

"Our government, through the foundation, is proud to be investing in students who are met with special challenges in accessing education," said Diane Finley, minister of Human Resources and Social Development Canada.

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It's more important than ever for our youth to take a stand by demonstrating that bullying is simply unacceptable. Research demonstrates that bullying can stop in less than 10 seconds when someone intervenes on behalf of the victim.

The Alberta Government has been working closely with a group of young people from across the province to develop an innovative new campaign that encourages our youth to take action in a positive way, while also providing new avenues for help and support. Teens are encouraged to visit www.B-Free.ca for more information about bullying and tips on how to stop it. Help is also now available for anyone needing immediate advice or support with bullying through a new provincial, toll-free help line at 1-888-456-2323.

As Chair for the Youth Secretariat, I'm pleased to see the Alberta Government's new initiatives directed at our youth, they are our future.

On Friday, May 26th I will be hosting a Breakfast Meeting at my St. Paul Constituency Office from 7:30-9:00 am; a Lunch Meeting at the Empress Restaurant in Elk Point from 12:00 - 1:30 pm and a Coffee Meeting at the Myrnam Seniors Centre from 2:30 - 3:30 pm.

Please join me to discuss any issues you may have. (All participants are responsible for ordering and purchasing their own menu items).

If you have any questions about any of the above issues, please call the Constituency Office at 780-645-6999 or toll-free at 1-866-674-6999. We are located at 4434-50 Avenue, St. Paul, AB, T0A 3A2

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Thursday & Friday May 25 & 26
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Friday, May 26
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4040. Livestock

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5610. Space For Lease

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5610. Space For Lease

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Smiling staff members and employees, some of whom are shown above, gathered at the Seniors Recreation Centre for the Employee and Staff Recognition celebration.

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Shop Local Committee members are (left to right) Rod Randall, Vicki Brooker, Loree Aarbo and Dwayne Odgaard.

Customer service

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DeSilva also cautioned employees regarding ethical behaviour, "which means not bad-mouthing your job - and you won't do that if you have the right attitude."

He reminded employees that "this could be the job that gives you the job you really want. When I ran a store, I knew which staff did or did not deserve a reference."

DeSilva asked the employees what they know about their community. "Do you consider yourself ambassadors? I usually pick someone at a counter and ask them what's happening in their community. Most say, 'oh, nothing.'" He said a knowledge of the community is "important to the place you work and to the growth of the community. If you don't know, ask your boss." With the local tourist information booth not open yet, "you are the ambassadors."

DeSilva said the evening was "recognition of a job well done. Your bosses who invited you, invited you because you've been doing a good job. None of us are perfect. Celebrate tonight for doing a good job for the past year, and hope your business has a better year next year."

Loree Aarbo of the Shop Local Committee said she appreciated the turnout and said "your faces are always smiling." She had a special gift for "every employee of every

single business in Elk Point," a discount card which can be used to receive a five per cent discount on purchases at participating businesses throughout the month of June.

"I want to thank you all in advance for the extra effort you will make to give good customer service. You guys are awesome."

Odgaard reminded everyone that June has been chosen as Shop Local Month, and "it's our chance to support each other."

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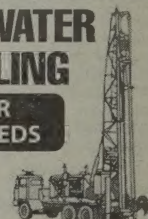
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